



PATENT
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO: 50122/002003

#9/A
BP
1-17-03

Certificate of Mailing: Date of Deposit: January 8, 2003

I hereby certify under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a) that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as **first class mail** with sufficient postage on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Tracey Simmons
Printed name of person mailing correspondence

Tracey Simmons
Signature of person mailing correspondence

RECEIVED

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

JAN 16 2003

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Applicant: Ralph A. Nixon et al.

Art Unit: 1632

Serial No.: 09/560,124

Examiner: Anne-Marie Baker

Filed: April 28, 2000

Customer No.: 21559

Title: METHODS FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF COMPOUNDS FOR
THE TREATMENT OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ACTION

In reply to the Examiner's Action mailed July 8, 2002, Applicants make the following amendment and remarks.

AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the claims as follows. Cancel claims 18, 23, 29, and 31, and amend claims 16, 17, 22, 27, 30, and 35 to read as follows.

16. (Amended) A method for identifying a candidate compound as a compound that is useful for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease, said method comprising the steps of:

Al (a) providing a cell expressing a recombinant rab5 nucleic acid that increases activity of the endocytic pathway;